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BALTIMORE NOTES.

By P. E. N.

"Standing room only" was the greeting that welcomed late arrivals at the volunteer concert of three-fold character on Monday the 26th inst. at Samaritan Temple for the benefit of St. Mary's Boys Academy.

In spite of the severe rain the main hall was crowded by one of the largest and by far, the handsomest as well as most enthusiastic audiences that ever assembled within those once sacred walls.

The programme opened with orchestral performances by the Monumental Band Edward Bowen cornet soloist, C. A. Johnson, organist of St. Mary's, leader. 24 pieces.

Part second was the chorus singing by the Boy choir of St. Mary's 60 voices, Masters Coats, Green and Mr. John Bishop soloist, with orchestral accompaniment.

The third part was the singing by the Washington Quartette, Misses Miller and Smith Messrs. Tompkins and Cole, C. C. McKinney accompanist, C. A. Fleetwood, director.

The concert was in every respect a success and highly enjoyed by all present. Numerous requests have been made to Rev. Mr. Perry to have the quartette return before long.

The ten days session of the Baltimore Annual Conference of the A. M. E. church which closed last week at Bethel church was largely attended and at times very interesting Rev. J. W. Beckett the popular young pastor of Bethel was returned much to the joy of his congregation. The last day of the session was given to the children of the Sunday schools of the connection; over 2000 children occupied the main floor of the church while the ailses and galleries were were filled with adults. Bishop Wayman presided. The five schools sang in concert and separately, addresses were delivered by the members of the Conference and reports of the different schools were read. It is estimated that fully 3000 persons were turned from the doors during these interesting exercises.

Bishop Wayman, Revs. J. A. Handy, J. H. A. Johnson, R. F. Wayman, J. J. Herbert, F. J. Peck, Messrs. H. Ballard and T. E. Green, left on Thursday evening as delegates to the General Conference of the A. M. E. church at St. Louis.

Mr. A. F. Wells, formerly of this city now of Silver City, Cal. who came on here some time since to bring home poor Louis Wood who went blind while in Mr. Wells employment, left for his home on Saturday the 24th inst. On the evening before his departure he was handsomely entertained by Mr. John B. Kelley at his residence on Weichee St. Among those present on this pleasant occasion were Mrs. George Kelley, Mrs. Howard Erb, Miss Cynthia Robinson of Bath, N. Y., Miss Mary and Sallie Kelley, Messrs. Sol. Kelley, Wm. B. Roberts. W. H. J. Wheeler and Geo. M. Matthews. The supper embraced croquets and peas, crab salad &c. The evening was pleasantly spent in games and music. At a late hour the guest of the evening was bidden an affectionate farewell, and the company left.

—Capt. O. S. B. Wall and Mr. M. M. Holland were in the city on Tuesday last looking after the fences of Mr. Sherman which badly needed fixing.

—"Lens" is mistaken in saying that the concert of Monday last was for the benefit of the Orphan Asylum for colored boys, of which more anon—it was for the Boys' Academy, a separate and distinct institution.

ACTION ON THE WEST POINT OUTRAGE.

The brutal and inhuman outrage upon Cadet Johnson C. Johnson at West Point and the impudent, bare-faced, villainous attempt of the authorities in charge at the Military Academy to exculpate the cowardly ruffians who committed the vile deed and throw the odium of having mutilated mutilated himself for selfish reasons upon the outraged cadet, calls loudly for some official representative action at the hands of the colored people of this country. We need to speak out in language too plain to be misunderstood our burning indignation at the diabolical savagery committed upon Cadet Whittaker, and through him upon the whole Negro race. We ought to demand in no uncertain tone that punishment, stern and unrelenting, be inflicted on the guilty wretches who perpetrated this crime. Furthermore, we ought to demand that the whole military academy shall undergo a radical change in management, discipline, and persons in authority.

The direction given to the investigation now going on there by Gen. Schofield and those in command under him, shows that the official control of the Academy is in the hands of the same aristocratic, Negro-hating, secession-sympathizing, unrepublican gang which controlled it previous to the late war. The frequent and dangerous hazing riots which occur there right under the nose of the commander of the post, is proof positive that the discipline is lax, sloven, and totally inadequate to the protection of the weaker cadets upon whom the bullies are disposed to trample. If proper discipline in the army secures equal rights to all soldiers, why can not proper discipline at West Point secure equal rights and protection to all cadets? It could if the proper officers were there and would administer it properly.

We must take action on this dastardly outrage at as early a date as possible, and let the world know that we feel keenly the indignity that has been offered to our race. There is to be no national convention or representative meeting of colored people this spring or summer, so far as we know. In our judgment, therefore, the Republican National Convention, at Chicago in June, will be an opportune moment to express ourselves. A large number of representative colored men will be there from all parts of the country, in attendance upon the deliberations of the convention; and it will be an easy matter for them to meet a day or so before the assembling of the convention, and give expression to their feelings in appropriate resolutions. What have the thinking men of our race to say to this suggestion? What has the "Negro Press" to say upon the question? Our columns are open to all who may desire to express themselves briefly.—Ind. *Leader.*

FLORIDA HEARD FROM.

Marianna, Florida,
April 26th, 1880.

Mr. Editor:

The county convention met here on the 24th inst. to elect delegates to the State Convention which meets in Gainesville on the 12th prox. There was large attendance and the utmost harmony prevailed. After speeches by Hon. B. F. Livingston, R. S. Smith, Esq. and J. H. McKinney, Esq. a Democrat, the following named gentlemen were appointed delegates to the State and Congressional conventions; B. F. Livingston, R. S. Smith, H. S. Harmon, H. A. Hanneman, Washington Pope, Daniel W. Bryan and B. W. Roberts. The delegates met to-day and unanimously agreed to vote on the all important question as a unit, and passed a strong resolution favoring the nomination of Hon. John Sherman for president. The people here are enthusiastic in their choice, and old Jackson County will be solid for the great financier.

Myer.

Rust can be taken off tools or any implements of steel by adopting the following process: Place the article in a vessel containing kerosene oil, or wrap the steel up in a soft cloth well saturated with kerosene; let it remain twenty-four hours or longer; then scour the rusty spots with brickdust. If badly rusted, use salt wet with hot vinegar after scouring, rinse every particle of brickdust or salt off with a clean flannel cloth and a little sweet oil.

G. U. O. of O. F.

A grand May Feast under the auspices of the Friendship Association of Amos Lodge 1487, took place Saturday evening, May 1, 1880, at Exposition Hall, New Orleans.

Silver Moon Lodge, No. 1803, of Knoxville, Tennessee, will celebrate their Third Anniversary on May 28th, 1880. At which time there will be a Grand Union of the Order of Tennessee, Georgia and Virginia.

The G. U. O. of O. F. of New Orleans are preparing for a grand celebration and public parade on the 12th of May. There will be a ball in connection with the festivities at Exposition Hall, on Carondelet street, and an oration will be delivered by Gen. T. Morris Chester.—"Louisianian"

La Creole Lodge G. U. O. of O. F., at its next meeting, will be favored with a French translation of the ritual by our able young friend, Desdunes, which will facilitate our French brothers greatly in their work. Too much praise cannot be given to the translator for this grand literary effort.—"Louisianian"

The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of Nashville, Tenn., will celebrate their fifth anniversary Wednesday, the 12th day of May, by a street parade and festival at night. The various committees are laboring hard to make this anniversary superior to all that have heretofore been given, and hope to have the patronage of all visiting bretheren and the public in general.

Massachusetts.

Rev. Wm. H. Scott of Lawrence Mass. writes as follows:

Olive St. Baptist Church had a fine concert last Monday evening the 19th inst. The house was filled to its uttermost capacity. When you remember that the colored population of Lawrence is only about 175, you will see that most of our congregation is white—The concert cleared the sum of $36.

In Lawrence there are several colored men on the police force.

The colored people are doing well here, some of them work in the mills. Blaine is our man, we do not want Sherman.

I will go to Lowell soon and see what I can do for your paper. I want to get up about 15 annual subscribers here and in Lowell together.

Yesterday all of the churches in the city replied to Col. R. G. Ingersoll who delivered here on Wednesday evening last, his subject was "What shall we do to be saved" The Olive Baptist Church was crowded.

Norfolk, Va

The Carthagenian Club of Norfolk are making very elaborate and extensive preparations to receive and do honor to the Historical and Educational Association, in July. I was at a meeting one day, of the club, last week and was much pleased at the preliminary progamme, that is being fixed up for observance. I trust it may be a great success. I intend to be on hand and take an active part, in making the meeting in Norfolk a success.

I will go to Raleigh to attend the commencment exercises of Shaw University and Estey Seminary, May 18, 19, and 20. Will send the Advocate some wayside notes—hope they will be accepted.

Yours truly,
Cyrus.

We will state that the recent State Convention was one of the most intelligent that ever assembled in Georgia. There were over one hundred colored delegates who are in possession of a good English education; over twenty that have figured famously in the classics and higher mathematics in some institution of learning in this country. The assertion, that the white Sherman and Blaine men drew the colored men from Grant, is false. The colored people are not blind to the fact that Gen. Grant likes praise, and the Democratic press of late has not been slow to shower it upon him. He will if elected reciprocate it.—The Athens, Ga., *Blade.*

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[Owing to some changes which have not yet been completely effected, we are slightly behind time, and with a scant supply of editorial and other matter in this issue.]

The great Schofield has so manœuvred things at the West Point investigation that it now turns out that "No. 8" of the cadets seems to be none other than Whittaker himself. This is in accordance with Schofield's premature order commending the guilty cadets. Schofield is undoubtedly the source from which these cowardly cadets draw their inspiration.

The unceremonious manner in which the proprietors of the *Argus* dismissed its editor-in-chief, coupled with its preferred charges against its late manager, will injure the paper beyond the power of its present incumbent to rebuild its shattered fortunes. Mr. Otey should at least have been given warning, and not treated thus. Fair play is the thing.

The *Dispatch* never uses the vulgar word "nigger." it is not a fit term for the mouths of elegant and refined people, and should never be seen in the columns of respectable journals. When we speak of the race that was formely in slavery to usbut is now in slavery to the northern Republicans and southern scalawags, we designate them by the respectible and recognized title of "negro," frequently eupoemizee as colored people. There is no disgrace or discredit in being a negro. It is the name of one of the great races of the world—and according to its deservings. Northern people and mean whites here call them "niggers" and "darkeys," but southern geutlemen never. —"Richmond State."

Just while the 'Dispatch' is about it and on the proprieties of elegance and refinement, will it tell us why, if the term "negro" is the name of one of the great races of the world, does it not begin it with a big "N," and thereby set the example in grammatical excellence to its contemporaries, which it aims to do in other respects.

PERSONAL.

Senator B. K. Bruce presided over the dignified Senators one day this week.

Dr. Alexander Crummell has returned to us from his northern tour.

The report that Don Piatt had withdrawn from the 'Sunday Capital' is without foundation. He still gets his daily bread by his unmanly attacks upon the colored people. Should the colored people suddenly disappear from the United States, Don Piatt would be no more, except among the things that were—he would be defunct.

G. W. Williams is not likly to succeed himself as member of the Ohio legislature, from Cincinnati. He got himself in trouble by pushing through both Houses a bill to close a colored cemetery situated on the suburbs of the above named city. His colored constituents who had not at all been consulted, held an indignation meeting in which they denounced Mr. Williams in unmeasured terms. These men having been denounced as Mr. William's political enimies, Peter H. Clark replies in a very sharp letter, in which he uses Mr. Williams most unmercifully.

JOURNALISTIC.

A semi-monthly is something the colored people of the United States have never had. —"Ind. Leader."

Not quite correct: they have one now in flourishing order in Mobile, Ala.

"The Virginia Star" is going to change its name, because a paper of the same size, general appearance etc., published by the same name by white men, is damaging the intereits of our brilliant contemporary. The "Star" makes one mistake—the Fredericksburg, Virginia Star was in existence in 1876, and the one in Richmond came to hand in 1877.

The change in the editorship and management of the "Argus" came like a clap of thunder in a clear sky. We might moralize over the matter, but "cui bono?"

BALTIMORE NOTES.

Notwithstanding the severe rain on Thursday, Apr., 29th the First Leap Year Supper, given by the ladies of the Calvary Baptist Church, was a complete success. Every available space, in both the Banquet and Entertaining Halls, were well filled. The ladies deserve much credit for the manner in which they presented themselves. The supper was under the supervision of Miss M. E. Winder.

The services of the Sharp st. M. E. Church, on Sunday afternoon were very impressive. The funeral sermon of Mr. J. W. Stokely, publisher of "The Golden Enterprise," and editor of "The American Citizen," was preached by the newly elected pastor, who spoke very eulogstic of the young man. Many eyes were filled with tears. The loss of such an energetic young man, will be very much lamented.

The Grand Rally at the Orchard st., Church, took place on Sunday. The object was to secure funds in order to have the Church enlarged. The amount collected was $550. Rev. J. H. Thomas, pastor, thanked the congregation in appropriate language.

The announcememt that Miss Isabella Miler, the Calafornia vocalist would give her first concert at the Madison St., Presbyterian Church, attracted a large and intelligent audience. Miss Miles' singing was loudly applauded; bringing her back at least three or four times. She was assisted by the following Baltimore talents: Mr. Taylor, Pianist, Miss E. Johnson, Alto and Mr. Holland, Tenor.

LENA.

OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

NEW YORK, *May* 4, 1880.

MY DEAR GRAND-MA:

I did not write you last week as I had been suffering with a severe cold and could not get out anywhere to find out what was going on, but thanks to "Ray's Mystic ointment of Long Island." I am clear of it and able to get out again.

On Tuesday evening, April 27th, I attended the 3rd Annual Concert of the Lyric Swan Club which took place at Republican Hall in 33rd street. It was a very poor affair, all the artists being Amateurs (and the worst kind) with the exception of Prof. Craig, violinist, Emanuel Bartelle, cornetist, and Emma Magnan, accompanist.

"Puritans Triumph (by general desire) was the first on the programme, but I hardly think the audience that was present will ever desire it again. Next came Mr. James L. Scrivens in a cornet solo. Well, it was pretty low playing at times, so low that it could not be heard. The duet for cornets between Emanuel Bartelle and William S. Mann was very good from the fact that Mr. Bartelle covered all the imperfections of Mr. Mann. Mr. Bartelle is called in this city "The colored Levy." Mr. Walter Craig, violinist, is a great artist and the best in the city. Miss Virginia Hunt, contralto.—this was the *debut* of this lady—made a miserable failure, but she possesses a good voice, and under a good teacher, such as Miss Blanche D. Washington, may yet make her mark, which I hope she will do. She was presented with a swan made of choice flowers. William S. Mann promises to be a good player on the cornet, yet it will be a long time before he is one. Mr. George Jeffry was good on his flute solo.

At the conclusion of the concert, a very tall round-shouldered ball-headed man announced that provisions would be served in a side room, and he thanked the audience for their presence in behalf of the club. I afterwards learned that this gentleman was Mr. Hamilton Hurd, the president of the club. What a pity, grannie, out of such a nice looking lot of young men they could not have a better looking and much younger president. The chairs were removed and dancing commenced and continued till half past two o'clock—every grade of society was represented from the heiress to the scrub girl—I mention the latter out of no disrespect. Among the society belles present whom I knew by name were Miss Ada Bowers, Miss Henrietta Mayes, Miss Braxton, Miss Frankie Robinson, Misses Dollie and Cornelia West, all of Brooklyn; Miss Camilla Bundick, of Williamsburg. Miss Mary Jeffries, Miss Annie Dyas, Emma Magnan. Miss Mallie Tucket, Miss Blanche D. Washington and sister, and several others of this city. The young men were strongly represented, there being present, Messrs. Charles D. Pedro, Jesse L. Potter, Charles E. Claggett, Pierre Barguett, Harry Harding, E. B. Wright, William R. Johnson, and many others, but grannie, I can't tell all of their names as I forget them now.

In my next letter I will tell you all about the reception of Mount Calvary Commandery on the 29th of April. I intended to write you about the prejudice that exists in this city as I have found it since my short stay here, and about the wealthy colored people in this city and Brooklyn, as soon as I gather facts enough to commence on. But grannie, I must close now, as I think this will keep you quite busy for a while and by the time you finish this, my next will be on hand.

Hoping you are well, I am your loving grand-daughter,

A. SALLY HOPKINS.

A grand competition drill will take place in Alexandria on Saturday, 29th by the Subordinate Commanderies of the State of Virginia.

THE OLD STORY.

The morning sunlight looked in through the silken curtains, lighting the room as with an angel's smile, suddenly enveloping the face ofits occupant with a strange brightness and transforming her pale brown hair into waves of glistening gold. Said the sunlight: "Maiden, I missed you from the garden where I used to find you every morning, and I came here to seek you. Summer will soon be here with her roses almost as bright as your cheeks. Are you ill?" "O, no!" responded the maiden, warming her thin, bloodless hands in the sunbeam, "only a little weak; I shall soon be out in the garden to greet you—to-morrow perhaps! I was just planning how I should arrange my flowers this year, when you peeped in. Are my lilies up yet?" "Yes, your lillies are up; I have just been warming them. I have tired you," said the sunlight, as he noticed the wearily drooping eyelids; "I will come again to-morrow if you are not in the garden"—and silently withdrew, leaving the fair slumbered alone in the gloom. A few hours later the moonlight stole softly through the silken curtains, which were gently rustling in the night breeze. "How cold!" said the moonlight, as she touched the pallid brow, and then gently laid her hand on the pulseless heart. "Dead!" she shudderingly whispered, as she withdrew through the softly rustling curtains.

It is the old, old story of consumption. How she flatters her victims at morning with hope's honied words, and at evening makes them them the prey of the spoiler! Statistics show that one-third of mankind die of this disease, and of these, far the greater part are young persons between the ages of fifteen and twenty-five, in the dawn of manhood and womanhood. For many years, consumption was generally believed to be incurable. But medicine in her triumphant march against disease has alrsady added consumption to her list of conquered. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures this dread disease if restorted to in time. For a full consideration of this disease and its rational method of treatment, read the article on Consumption in the People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, the mast reliable popular work upon Physiology, Hygiene, Diseases and their Remedies, yet published. Price $1.50. Address the author, R. V. Pierce, M. D., World's Dispensary and Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.

That State Dinner.

We had never attended a State Dinner. Somehow, President Hayes omits to consult his well-known memorandum book and find our address when he gives his; so when the cards of invitation to the State Dinner at Israel C. M. E. Church were received last Monday, we at once determined that we would be there, rain or shine. Well, we got down to Israel, and bless you, who was there but Miss Tralove McDaniel, just from the country to show us in! We were very glad to see her, her sister, her cousins etc., who are always on on hand at Israel.

In the centre of the auditorium there was a floral arch, and that end of the church where the pulpit is supposed to be was the State Dinner spread on a table which was on a raised platform, hidden from public view by curtains.

It was nearly ten o'clock, when in there came President Dionysius and his wife. They they took their places in front of the curtain, immedietely opposite the center of the arch; after which were admitted to their presence as announced, vice-prdsident Laudivic and his lady, the Secretaies of War, Navy, and Interior; Brigadier General (not the Confederate) Post Master General, Revs. S. S. Archibald, Doorback and Strawberry; Senators Snow, Frost, Dewberry, Blackberry, Gooseberry, Cole, Ralling, Pin and Toast; Representatives Spain, Shaker, Winfield, Speaks, Pinchback, Waybald, Walkabout and Col. Satoris, all of whom were accompanied by their ladies. After the parties had taken their places, some on the right and some on the left of the president and his lady, the president delivered his inaugural address and was followed by others of the distinguished personages. After a promenade, they took their places at the State table, and after invoking divine blessing, they fell to work with a very good will.

A conspicuous feature of the evening was the drill of the Hutchison Guards. This youthful company showed much skill in the manual of arms and reflected much credit on their Captain.

The distinguished personages ranged from two years to twelve and included both sexes, and were as elaborately dressed as any of our most fashionable city belles at a reception.

The president was Clinton Taylor, and the madam Lizzie Nickens, and the vice-president and lady were George Buckman and Lulu Lucas.

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—There will be baptizing at the Berean Baptist Church, 18th street, between L and M streets, to-morrow morning immediately after the morning services.

—It is said that the Washington *Argus* will make its appearance next Saturday, with Charles N. Otey as edito-in-chief.

—Organizations wishing to meet with the grand success of the 19th Street Baptist chutch at Bethel Hall last Wednesday evening, have only to get your job work done by the Enterprise Publishing Company, and have your advertising done through the columns of the ADVOCATE at 609 Louisiana Avenue.

—The great circus has come and gone—the money from many poor pockets has gone also.

—The grand union mass meeting of Sunday Schools in the District will be held in the Smithsonian grounds instead of the President's.

—An excellent sermon was preached by Rev. J. T. Bolden at the 19th St. Baptist church last Sunday morning, after which one candidate for baptism was brought forward and immersed.

—If our readers will look over the local items in the ADVOCATE of last week, they will be reminded of the many social gatherings to take place during the coming week.

—A Strawberry Festival will be given in the 15th Street Presbyterian church on Monday evening, May 10th. Admission 5 cents.

—A Homestead and Land Company has been incorporated in the District.

—Sunday evening, the 9th ins., at 7:30 o'clock, is the time at which Mr. Chase will address the citizens of Hilladale in Douglass Hall, concerning the colored cadet at West Point.

—A handsome set of Odd Fellow's jewels was presented to Mt. Olive Lodge last Wednesday evening by the members and friends of Shiloh Baptist church. The William Andrew Freeman Lodge No 2099, just organized formed in line with the Mt. Olive Lodge and marched from the Hall on 13th st., to the church where the jewels were presented.

—The Columbia Light Association of Georgetown gave a pleasant entertainment at Bethel hall last Monday evening. Speeches were made by ladies of the association. The [illegible] was a grand success.

—Grand Concert, Exhibition and Tableau will be given by the Ebenezer A. M. E. Sunday school Georgetown, in the audience room of their church on Monday and Tuesday evenings, May 10th and 11th at 8 o'clock. The reputation of this school is sufficient guarantee of the pleasure in store for those who will be fortunate enough to attend. Admission only 10 cents. J. C. Beckett, superintendent.

—The congregation of Ebenezer church in Georgetown is highly pleased with their new minister, Rev. J. T. Morris.

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—Last Tuesday evening we had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. "Callie" Brooks and Mrs. Georgiene Erb, of Baltimore at the residence of Mrs. Wm. H. Black on 12th street. Music and refreshments were furnished by the host and hostess, and the healthy exercise of "tripping the light fantastic toe" was indulged in until a hour. The evening was highly enjoyable and proved to be one of the most pleasant socials of the season. Among others we met met were Miss "Gussy" Black, Mrs. H. Colbert, daughter of the hostess, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James T. Jackson, Mr. Wm. C. Chase, editor of the *Argus*, Messers James Delphy and Richard Brown.

Last Friday night ALPHA PHI had its exercises at the Chapel at Howard University. The room was comfortably well filled. After an invocation by Dr. Patten, the president Mr. Isaiah Hatten delivered the opening address, in which he spoke of the main object of the society, as being the cultivation of oratory. A very interesting historical sketch of the society was then read by Mr. Lionel Joel, then followed after music orations by Messers Grice on Peace and Mr. Burgher on the 19th Century. Then came the very interesting debate between Mr. Richards of Athens, Tenn., and Wm. Sinclair of Georgetown, S. C., on this question, whether the inducements to young men for entering the learned professions, are greater then those leading to mercantile pursuits. Mr. Richards whose oratory is of a pecular fevrid character, and whose style and manner at once conciliate and captivate his audience, made an almost irresistible plea in behalf of the profession, but his opponent, Mr. Sinclair, whose style is based upon a different model, by his impressive manner, deliberation earnestness, and his ingennous use of statistics did much to neutralize the force of his opponent's arguments, though he could not surpass him in oratory.

The 'Alpha Phi Gazette' was then read to the amusement of all by Mr. Jas. C. Delphy. Mrs. Cooke presided at the piano in the duetts sung, especially at the opening and close; Miss Alice Strange rendered in an artistic manner variations on Auld Lang Syne, and accompanied Miss Rosa D. Kinkle whose solo was accounted the musical gem of the evening.

19th St. Sunday School.

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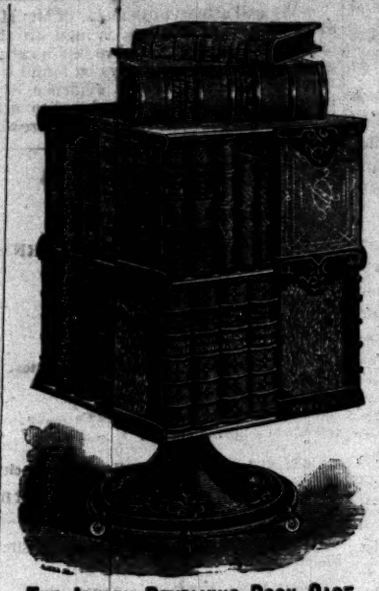

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